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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES HENDY & Co., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & Co., 150 & 151, Leadenhall Street. W. M. WILKS, 151, Cannon Street, E.C.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—ADELPHI PRINCE & CO. 58, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row.

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AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & Co., The Apothecaries Co., Colombo.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SATYRE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEINSEN & Co., Manila.

CHINA.—F. A. DE CRUZ, Seigneur of Quemoy, Amoy, N. MOULIN, Frenchman, H. & C. SHANGHAI, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALKER, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & Co.

Intimations.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONOKONG,
No. 1165.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREE-MASON HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY EVENING, the 16th Inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. VISITING BRETHRES are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, June 10, 1887. 1101

NOTICE.

NEITHER the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS Contracted by the CAPTAIN, OFFICERS or CREW of the American Barque "Shan Chieh" during her stay in Hongkong Harbour.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 10, 1887. 1097

Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1. The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2. Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3. Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more of their own in it may, at their option, withdraw the same from the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 19 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4. Interest at the rate of 3*1/2* per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5. Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6. Depositors as to the business of the Bank if marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7. Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 7, 1887. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS, \$7,500,000

COUNT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—M. GROTH, Esq.

Deputy Chairman—O. D. BOTTRELL, Esq.

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H. HOPFUS, Esq.

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Hongkong.—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

Acting Chief Manager.—JOHN WALTER, Esq.

MANAGER.

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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposit:

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

6 months, 4 per cent. "

12 months, 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Debts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 27, 1887. 363

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are Sole AGENTS for

Hongkong and Manila for the Sales of

THE MONTSERRAT LIME JUICE,
AND

THE MONTSERRAT LIME JUICE
CORDIALS.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, May 3, 1887. 884

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectively informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1887. 1458

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE NOW RECEIVED A NEW STOCK OF

TABLE GLASS WARE,

In a Variety of

ETCHED CUT and ENGRAVED PATTERNS in LIQUEURS, HALF-SHERRY, SHERRY, PORT, CLARET, HOCK, and CHAMPAGNE GLASSES, CHAMPAGNE, HALF-PINT and PINT TUMBLERS, FINGER BOWLS, ICE PLATES, QUART and PINT DECANTERS, CLARET JUGS, WATER JUGS, OUSTARD CUPS, JELLY GLASSES, SALT CELLARS, CARAFES and TUMBLERS, BUTTER DISHES, and CREAM JUGS.

There can be bought in Sets to match throughout or in odd dozen.

A full Set of above will be exhibited during the week, PRICES VERY MODERATE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887. 1104

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to 25th Instant, both days inclusive.

F. W. CROSS,
Manager.

Hongkong, June 10, 1887. 1094

WANTED by TWO BACHELORS, a Small

HOUSE or Three ROOMS at the

Peak. Apply to

X. Y. Z.,
Care of THIS OFFICE.

Hongkong, June 9, 1887. 1093

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC and
METEOROLOGICAL
INSTRUMENTS.

VORLANDER'S CELEBRATED
BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES,
RITCHIE'S INQUIS and OTHER COMPANIES,
ADMIRALY and IMRAY CHARTS,
NAUTICAL BOOKS.

ENGLISH SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE,
CHRISTOFLE & Co.'S ELECTRO-PLATED WARE,
GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY,
in great variety.

DIA MONDS

— AND —

DIAMOND JEWELLERY, A Splendid Collection of the Latest London Patterns, at very moderate prices.

HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

OFFICE, No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD.

FIRE BRICKS of SUPERIOR
QUALITY FOR SALE, PRICE, \$30 PER 1,000.

The following Testimonial has been received from F. W. CROSS, Esq., Manager, HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED:

"I have hereof much pleasure in testifying to the quality of the FIRE BRICKS as made by you at your new works.

"It appears that the Brick is light and soft as compared with the ordinary FIRE BRICK used in the Colony, but this I may say is in characteristic of the best English FIRE BRICK.

"After a very severe test I have no hesitation in saying that this Brick is admirably suited to any degree of heat that it may be likely to undergo, and for all purposes that FIRE BRICKS are used for.

"I am now about to build them into one of my furnaces and have no doubt of their being able to stand as well as the English FIRE BRICKS I have been using."

Hongkong, May 23, 1887. 981

D. K. GRIFFITH & Co.,
THE LONDON AERATED WATERS

MANUFACTURERS,

1, DUDDELL STREET,

CONTINUE TO SUPPLY

Their popular AERATED DRINKS, viz.:

SODA WATER,

TONIC WATER,

SARACANILLA,

LEMONADE,

GINGERADE,

RASPBERRYADE,
&c., &c., &c.

SPECIAL RATES to LARGE
CONSUMERS.

Hongkong, May 6, 1887. 595

THE SHARK FISHERY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

APPLICATIONS for SHARES will be

Received by the SECRETARY until

further Notice.

JOHN WILLMOTT,
Secretary.

Hongkong, May 28, 1887. 983

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP,
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist,
(Formerly ARTICLED APPRENTICE and LATELY ASSISTANT to Dr. ROGERS.)

A. T. the urgent request of his European
and American patients and friends,
has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. ROGERS.

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to Missionaries and families.

Sole Agents.

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1888. 984

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Case of CLOTHING, Books, or

PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 10, 1888. 1060

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE NOW RECEIVED A NEW STOCK OF

TABLE GLASS WARE,

In a Variety of

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP MERIONETHSHIRE, FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, with the exception of Oil, are being landed at their risk at the Godowns of the KOWLOON WHARF & GOWNS Co. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 17th instant will be subject to rent at the rate of one cent per package per day.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriters on or before the 17th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Friday, the 17th June, at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 10, 1887. 1100

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Lydia, Captain J. Voss, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Underwriters, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day, the 9th instant.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the KOWLOON PIER AND GOWNS CO. and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 10th Inst., at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 9, 1887. 1055

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL

The Steamship *Merionethshire*, Commander, will be despatched for the above Port on the 16th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887. 1103

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The Co.'s Steamship *General Werder*, Capt. W. von Schuckmann, will leave for the above Ports on or about the 17th instant.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887. 1106

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The Co.'s Steamship *General Werder*, Capt. S. Schubert, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival of the outward German Mail.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887. 1107

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. MAIL Steamship *CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 30th June, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamship Lines.

The Return Passage Tickets granted to English, France, and Germany by all Trans-Atlantic Lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, no allowance of 10% will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25% from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 1 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. every day. All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco should be sent to the Company's Offices in Said Environs addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 84 Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,

Agents.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887. 1108

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship *Lydia*.

Captain J. Voss, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 13th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887. 1109

FOR YOKOHAMA (DIRECT).

The Steamship *Port Augusta*.

H. H. Co., Commander, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, 15th June.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887. 1102

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, TRIESTE, BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIQUE PORTS.

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N. B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON THURSDAY, the 7th day of July, 1887, at 1 p.m., the Company's S.S. *BAUDISCHWITZ*, Captain Schubert, with MAIDS, PASSENGERS, SPELTERS, and CARGO, will leave this port as above calling at GREECE.

Passenger Orders will be granted until 4 p.m.; Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 6th July. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the AGENT'S Office). Contours and Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries Doctor and Stewards.

For further Particulars, apply to SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 9, 1887. 1055

NOTES.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessel; during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ALICE ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain J. Phillips.—Wieland & Co.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

E. A. SPENCE, British brig, Captain J. E. Gill.—Gonalas & Co.

E. W. EVELIN, American ship, Captain J. A. BARSTON.—Order.

GENERAL WEDDER, Germ. str., Capt. W. von Schuckmann.—Meichlers & Co.

SONNTAG, American barque, Haswell & Co.

TOMQUE, British ship, Captain S. Davis.—Order.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

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MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887. 1108

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Kronstadt, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Troy, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Jens Christian, Norwegian steamer.

L. G. Björk, Ketchenotz June 6.

M. S. Russa, KARIBA.

Stentor, British steamer, 1,307 S. Mill.

S. Windham, British steamer, 1,247 T. R.

S. W. W. S. Windham, British steamer, 1,247 T. R.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

WHEN the Prince of Wales was leaving Manchester a member of the Town Council pushed himself forward, and in a burst of loyalty said: "Bring the old woman with thee next time!" The Prince looked surprised, not exactly understanding to whom the old woman was referring. Observing this, the latter said: "I mean your mother, for in this far-off and local fashion had he alluded to her Majesty.

The *Hawke* correspondent of the *N.C. D. News*, writing on the 2nd instant, says:—The Anchors, sailed this morning at 3.30 o'clock, and the *Glengarry* is advertised for Tuesday morning (7th). Both these vessels have loaded at 23 10s., while, curiously enough, the masts have been and are taking lower rates, viz., the *Oceanic*, French mail, £3, and the *Verona*, English mail, £3 2s. through rates from here to London.

Some trouble has occurred in the Shanghai silk market. Some Chinese have been buying the articles, selling for future delivery—in one month—at Tientsin 20 percent under quotations; buyers paying the 20-barrel money. The sellers will very likely have the best of the bargain, but it is something unknown before that Chinese should "bear" any of their produce. About 200 bales are reported as sold in this way.

FRAGANT WATERS MURMUR.—That Hongkong breathes again, now that it knows that the wily and windy Sir George is not to venture any further self-sacrifice on its behalf.

That I hope Sir George Bowen will long survive this wrench to his moral feelings, and that he will continue for many years to draw the pension provided for him by a paternal Government.

That it is whispered that the acting Chief of our local Banking institution is not to be removed after all, and that his many friends are delighted at the prospect.

That the new organ in the Cathedral Church has been used in private rehearsal, and is everything that could be wished.

That the Thanksgiving for Her Majesty's fifty years' reign will be a special choral service.

That the Executive should at once announce what is to be done during that day (the 21st instant), and whether it is intended to be a general holiday.

That Fire Insurance matters remain much as they were—no thanks, however, to one goodman from whom better things were expected.

That an *Ita* is gaining ground that the suspension of the tariff is due not to any hostility to local institutions but to the action of interested people who have everything to gain by reduced rates of premia.

That the wisdom of the Agents here who are content to await written instructions that it will suffice the Head Office in London to hear that one-eighth per cent. is accepted by their Agents in Shanghai for risks that would be charged 12/6 per cent. at Home.

That an unreasonable delay continues to take place in the distribution of Medals or Diplomas due to local supporters of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, and that it would not be derogatory to our local C.M.G. to hurry up.

That Hongkong has had an unusually checkered experience during the last ten years, and that the terms of endearment now in use by which the memory of Hennery and Bowen is kept green, testify to the cleansing fire through which we have passed.

That if Governor Des Vaux is an honest, straightforward man, not given to crooked ways, and avoids the "squearing" and wheeling of opponents when he cannot otherwise obtain his ends, the residents of Hongkong will forgive him much.

That if the new Governor will adopt the thoroughly English course of adhering to the truth, and will economise in all departments save that of veracity, he will undoubtedly meet with a fair hearing in this Colony and command the esteem of all classes.

That the successful administration of a small Colony like Hongkong can and has been accomplished without much diplomatic effort or too great straining of the truth, but that several of the officials who have made attempts to govern here have failed owing to an inherent deficiency of that quality which Englishmen rightly prize above all others as the indispensable foundation of character.

That Governor Des Vaux cannot know much more about Hongkong than Hongkong does of him, but that this is a disadvantage that will disappear as time goes on.

That the event of the week has been the publication of Dr Ho Kar's Protest against the Sanitary Board's Rejoinder thereto.

That I hear the Chinese are likely to imbibe an erroneous impression of purely sanitary measures, are because of the misconception that has arisen here.

That the *Glengarry* is likely to prove one too many for the Moyens, even more so as the Indian Ocean than she has been in the run to Singapore.

That China merchants are bewailing the degeneracy of the age, for even tea in the cup is not the toe of the older time.

THE POWERS CONTAINED IN THE NEW PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.

That indeed there is no power on earth that can take liberties with a man's property in the manner in which this Bill proposes to do.

That the Public Valuer has been rating some tenements too highly, and is being "rated" in return.

That at the same time, is is a proof of the long-suffering character of the Hongkong householder, that so few objections have been taken to the quarter of a million increased value placed to the new assessment.

That the wording of the Municipal Rates Ordinance is still vague and ambiguous, and that no attempt is made to "rate" in return.

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That if the new Governor will adopt the thoroughly English course of adhering to the truth, and will economise in all departments save that of veracity, he will undoubtedly meet with a fair hearing in this Colony and command the esteem of all classes.

That the successful administration of a small Colony like Hongkong can and has been accomplished without much diplomatic effort or too great straining of the truth, but that several of the officials who have made attempts to govern here have failed owing to an inherent deficiency of that quality which Englishmen rightly prize above all others as the indispensable foundation of character.

That Governor Des Vaux cannot know much more about Hongkong than Hongkong does of him, but that this is a disadvantage that will disappear as time goes on.

That the event of the week has been the publication of Dr Ho Kar's Protest against the Sanitary Board's Rejoinder thereto.

That I hear the Chinese are likely to imbibe an erroneous impression of purely sanitary measures, are because of the misconception that has arisen here.

That the *Glengarry* is likely to prove one too many for the Moyens, even more so as the Indian Ocean than she has been in the run to Singapore.

That China merchants are bewailing the degeneracy of the age, for even tea in the cup is not the toe of the older time.

DESTROYING DERELICTS.

A prominent English journal makes the statement that ships are to be sent to sea for destroying floating wrecks at sea.

There is no doubt that these derelicts are one of the greatest dangers to be met with on the ocean. That they ought to be destroyed is true enough. It is only a question of who should undertake this office.

To offer a reward for their destruction would generally be popular.

We trust Mr White will forward our suggestion to the shipping world.

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DRUGS AND QUININE.

Ceylon Observer.

Mr C. W. White, who was in Ceylon on

his way round the world about six years

ago, is again on a short business visit here.

Mr White is well known as the representa-

tive of the great drug houses of Burgoynes,

Burbridge, Cyrus and Fawcett—from whose

monthly publication we often extract into-

“Topics of Agriculture,” with advantage

to planters and agriculturists.

Many people think it is better to have

the plaintiff, the only British

Company, take upon himself to remove

the attachment on the *F. P. Knight* which

the plaintiff had obtained through the U.S.

Consul. It is a mysterious case indeed,

and a greater mystery still is the fact that

the plaintiff, the only British

Company, has not been able to get the

plaintiff to withdraw his claim.

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THE VILLAGE CHOIR.
(SOME DISTANCE AFTER TENNSON.)

Half a bar, half a bar!
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Come into an auld ditch,
O'er the Precentor's ditch,
Into a mass of pitch,
Trebles to right of them,
Tenors to left of them,
Basses in front of them,
Bellowed and thundered.
Oh, that Precentor's look,
When the sopranos took
Their own time and took
From the Old Hundred!

Screched all the trobles here,
Bogged the tenors there,
Raising the parson's hair,
While his mind wandered;
Thou's not to reason why
This psalm was pitched too high.
Thou's but to gasp and cry
Out the Old Hundred.
Trebles to right of them,
Tenors to left of them,
Basses in front of them,
Bellowed and thundered.
Stormed they with a shout and yell
Not who they sang, nor well,
Drowning the sexton's bell,
While all the church wondered.

Diro the Precentor's glare,
Flash'd his pitchfork in air,
Sounding fresh keys to hear
Out the Old Hundred.
Swiftly he turn'd his back,
Reached him his fat rump,
Thee to the bellowing pack
Left of his hundred.

Trebles to right of him,
Tenors to left of him,
Basses behind him,
Bellowed and thundered.

Right to the end they fought!
Some tune they sang, but not!
Not the Old Hundred.

Musical Standard.

ON THE STAIRS.
We were sitting after waltzing,
On the stairs.
Ho, before I could forbid it,
Sole a rose, yet I missed it;
And so tenderly he kissed it,
Swiftly in his pocket hid it,
Unaware.

We were silent, after waltzing,
On the stairs.
I had strolled with angry feeling,
But he spoke love, never heding.
And my eyes fell 'neath his pleading,
And my depth of love revealing;
Unaware.

Sydney Mail.

YARDS ABOUT SNAKES IN FLORIDA.

'When I first came to Florida,' said the Major, 'the old residents told me there were hardly any snakes in the State. Well, I've been here 25 years, and I have seen more snakes in Florida than I ever saw anywhere before. (You needn't grin, Professor—you drink more in one day than I do in a month.) I've seen rattlesnakes, ground rattlers, moccasons in three different styles, and many others too horrid to mention. I've got used to 'em, and have a sort of sneaking fancy for 'em, too. Snakes ain't near as dangerous as people imagine they are. They may spread their tails, being very intelligent and sensible of their danger, and education. They are affectionate by nature, have a quiet vein of humour running through them, and form very strong attachments for persons, places, and things. They can reason, too, as sure as you are born, for I have seen instances of it that would puzzle any disciple of Buffon, including old Ben Butler.'

'When I was living down to Punta Rasa I had a black snake that was treated just as if it was one of the family. It had grown up with us, you might say, for my boys had caught it when it was only about a foot long, and it got to be over five feet. When the children were out in the yard for fresh air or off hunting or fishing they always took Ben, which was the name of the snake, along. He was very useful in every way, too. Some days they boys would go out after berries or wild grapes, and take a bunch basket with 'em. Ben would curl up in the basket and go too. Well, if they filled the basket, which they generally did, it made a pretty hefty load for two to carry; so they'd just show the snake what was wanted, and Ben'd fasten his head on one side of the basket and his tail on the other making a handle, so to speak, and, well, four of his boys would carry the load home without sweating any one of 'em to death, as we brier-berries they had. Ben would have to stop out on the berries and sticks and dirt from 'em. In that kind of work he was as handy as a ten-year-old gal. When the boys went fishing Ben would lay down in the boat and go fast asleep, but when they got through and pulled for shore he'd wake up, yawn a little, and then stretch out straight, for he knew his place in the procession was waiting for him. The boys always used him to string their fish on, and then one would tie him by the head and the other by the tail and they had as nice a fish cart as you'd want to see.'

'Maj—' interrupted the Professor, 'you fish, I have had mighty big muttons if your boys could string them up to me. They are four foot long. They probably belonged to the gopherus rubinus snapponus—sion.'

'They did have big mouths, Professor,' rejoined the Major, sarcastically. 'Almost as big as the one under that red nose of yours.' Thanks, Colonel, I believe I will take a little more, for it's real good and in this dry town it's pleasant and very soothing to run across a gentleman who carries a quart flask in his pocket. As I was saying, that snake was one of the most useful pets I ever saw, and the handsomest reptile that ever I did see.'

'But the cuttest thing he ever did was to take care of a family of young mice. One day my wife was sitting in the kitchen reading when she saw two come in kind of a running like, and she knew it was after some mice. She had not seen him since he had after leaching around a little hole he had into the pantry, and in a few minutes come out and went in the direction of the barn. She followed him, and looking through a hole in one of the boards saw the strangest sight. In one corner of the barn, behind some old fodder, was a nest with four little mice in it, and the snake was a feeding them with milk. How did he carry the

milk? Why, he drew the skin up over his head, forming it into a sort of cup, and carried it full of milk to the mice, letting each one sip it in turn. When my wife hollered at him, he made a sort of angry at first, but then he said, 'Hold on, Major,' said the Judge. 'You are getting a little bit mixed now. You said it was a blacksnake, and I never heard of one of that species having a rattle.'

'Well, I guess he could have borrowed one from some other snake,' replied the Major, huffily, as he sank back in his chair, puffing vigorously at his cigar.

'Talking about black snakes,' said the Colonel, gracefully uncoiling his legs, and spitting a pint of nicotine over his right shoulder out of the window. 'Hold on, Major, for a moment, to let me tell you a story of the Himmaleys, costing very dear (le yens de la tete). The Lueulus has a grade in Mandarin which is superior to that of the Governor of the Province, but he is careful not to carry each day the insignia, because his fellow citizens look with a certain awe at a man who wears such a grade. Hold on, Major, and I will tell you a story of the Himmaleys, costing very dear (le yens de la tete). The Lueulus has a grade in Mandarin which is superior to that of the Governor of the Province, but he is careful not to carry each day the insignia, because his fellow citizens look with a certain awe at a man who wears such a grade. Hold on, Major, for a moment, to let me tell you a story of the Himmaleys, costing very dear (le yens de la tete). 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